

Woodsboro, Maryland vicinity

Frederick County, Maryland

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing-Steiner Smith Road vicinity group is a row of three frame two-story houses on the east side of Legore Bridge Road which have a similarity of plan and materials which marks them as company-built housing for lime quarry workers in the late 19th and early 20th century. The simple vernacular form of three-bay frame houses with porches and rear ells is common in Frederick County, a type that could be quickly built in the late 19th century with readily obtainable materials. The Legore Lime Quarry was established in 1861 and is still operating as a building stone supplier. The firm built about 40 houses for its workers during the last quarter of the 19th century.

Survey No. F-8-122
Legore Quarry Workers Housing-Steiner Smith Road vicinity
Woodsboro, Maryland vicinity
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:
Category: District

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes xno

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Legore Quarry Workers Housing-Steiner Smith Road vicinity

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11633, 11701, 11705 Legore Bridge Road not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> x district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> x private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Romona D. Weddle

street & number 11709 Legore Bridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Keymar state and zip code MD 21757

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1900

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Smith, Frances M., Woodsboro Remembers, privately published, 1976 p, 39.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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7.1 Description

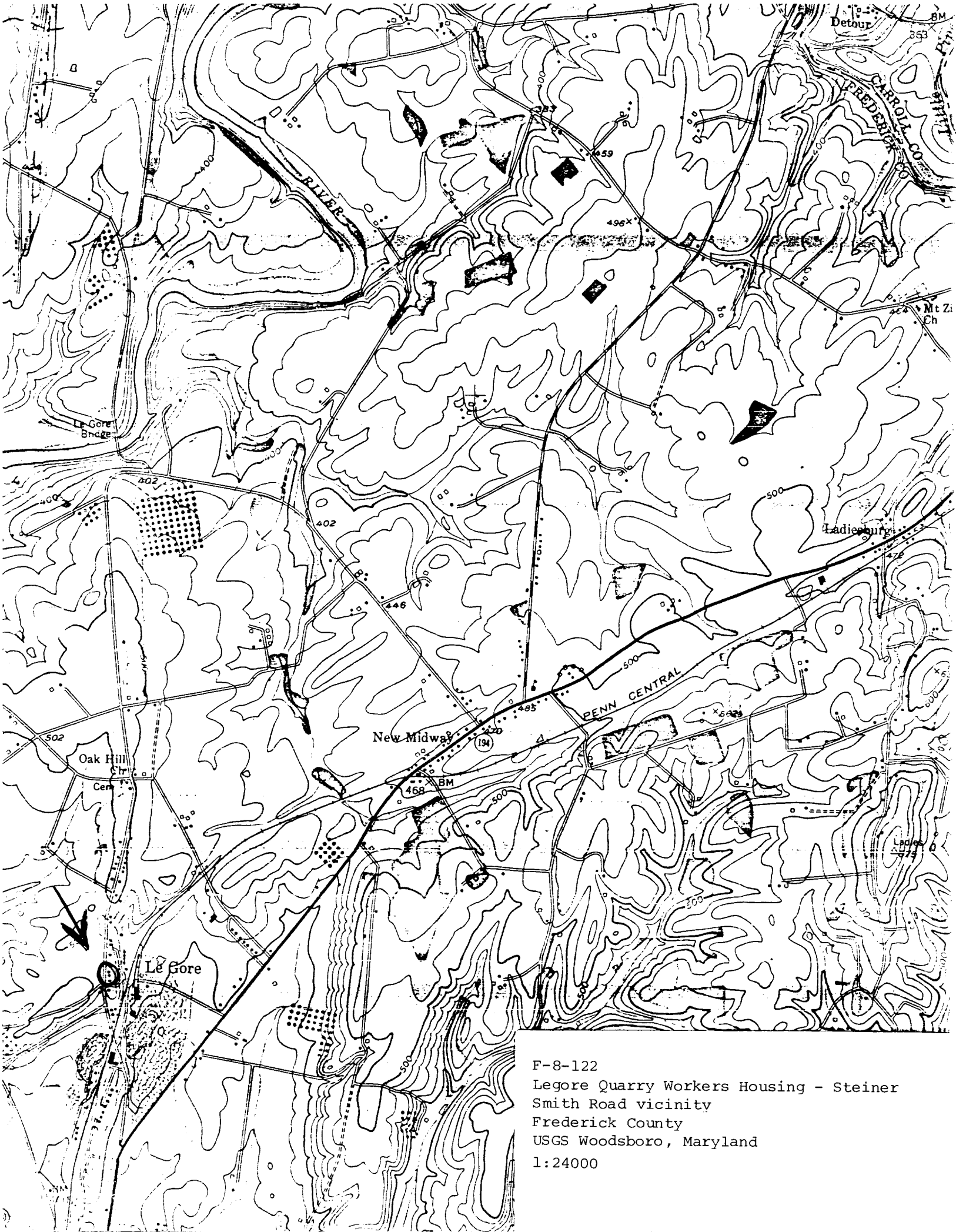
The Legore Quarry Workers Housing in the vicinity of Steiner Smith Road are three frame two-story dwellings built about 1900 on the east side of Legore Bridge Road at the intersection of Steiner Smith Road about 1/4 mile north of the Legore Lime Quarry near Woodsboro, Maryland. The houses are all of basically the same design with three-bay main elevations, one-story porches, gable roofs, and rear ells. Each has german siding, a stone foundation, and a standing seam metal roof. They are located near the road and spaced about 40 yards apart. The immediate environment is open land with small groups of residential buildings along the public road. East of the houses is the property of the Legore Quarry in the vicinity of the former Frederick and Pennsylvania Railroad line.

The basic house plan is a center entry type with two window bays on the second floor of the west elevation. Variations occur in the details of the houses. The shed roof porch has turned columns, although 11633 Legore Bridge Road has square porch posts, probably replacements of the originals. The bay arrangement of the north and south gable elevations varies in 11701 Legore Bridge Road, the center house of the three. It has two first floor window bays, where 11633 and 11705 Legore Bridge Road each have a single bay on both floors. The sash is mostly 6/6 with plain flat architraves. The doors are varied, with a four-panel main door at 11701 and replacement doors on rear ell doors at all the houses. Each house has an exterior cellar entrance on the south elevation. The chimney locations are interior end except at 11633, which has a center chimney. The rear ells have one-story porches on the south elevations. Slight variations in finishes occur in this section on all three houses. Fenestration is 6/6 in most cases with doors opening on the south side of the ell; the doors vary from four-panel to modern, glazed panel storm doors. No large outbuildings are associated with the houses, although all have small sheds in the rear yards for storage. These appear to be frame with composition or metal roofs and date from the 1950's at the earliest.

8.1 Significance

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Steiner Smith Road vicinity group of company-built dwellings illustrates the vernacular architectural style of the turn of the century period and also the paternalism of rural industrial labor management policy in the same time period. Like the other quarry-related groups of worker housing on San Diego Road (F-8-82), Legore Bridge Road (F-8-83), Legore Junction (F-8-85) and the Barrick Road housing of the S.W. Barrick & Sons Lime Co. (F-8-86), the dwellings are unified by a common plan and materials as well as proximity to the quarry workings. The Steiner Smith Road group is privately owned and variations in materials and finishes are more evident. Because of their location and largely unaltered exterior features, however, they are still easily recognizable as company-provided housing. The Legore Lime Quarry was established in 1861 and built about 40 houses for its employees in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Further research on the exact date of construction and the interior plans of all the quarry workers housing groups is needed to further define the context of rural industrial districts in the late 19th century.



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USGS Woodsboro, Maryland
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General view north on Legore Bridge Road
from 11633 Legore Br. Rd.

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11701 Legore Bridge Road, west elevation

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